Diamond in the Hills Fashion Show raises $141,200 for Bethell Hospice

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A sold-out crowd came together at the Royal Ambassador this past weekend for an extra special fashion show fundraiser.

The third-annual Diamond in the Hills Fashion Show, held Sunday, June 9, raised $141,200 for Bethell Hospice.

The brainchild of seven local women, Diamond in the Hills has now raised more than $300,000 for the local foundation since its first even back in 2017.

?We call the event ?Diamond in the Hills' because Bethell Hospice is a jewel in our community, and we want to do whatever we can to support the organization,? said Bonnie Ledson who, alongside Debbie Glober, Judy Petursson, Marj Dennis, Danila Maric, Barb Gough and Barb Goodhand, organized the event.

The afternoon itself featured a luncheon, silent auction, live auction and popular glitter boxes, with impressive fashions on display from Georgetown's Studio 49.

Bethell Hospice Foundation Board Chair Lori O'Hara-Hoke thanked all those involved with putting the event together and recognized what a successful day it had been.

?Community events are extremely important to Bethell Hospice Foundation. Your attendance here today, and your belief in the importance of palliative care in our community is truly appreciated,? Ms. O'Hara-Hoke said.

Government funding covers only the direct care medical staffing costs at Bethell Hospice. Every other cost, including food, medication and the residential hospice building itself, is funded directly from community donations. Each year, Bethell Hospice raises more than $1 million to keep its programming alive in Caledon.

The organization provides its services at no cost to residents, program participants or their families.

Bethell Hospice is the only residential hospice serving Caledon, Brampton, Dufferin County and West Woodbridge, and also offers various community programs throughout Caledon and Brampton.

For more information on Bethell Hospice, visit www.bethellhospice.org.